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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: JAMES L. STRONG  
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For: Waste Product Ripping and Grinding Machine and  
Methods of Constructing and Operating the Machine  
Group Art Unit: 3725  
Examiner: Mark Rosenbaum  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on pending claims 1-20. Subject to traverse, Applicant elects species 1 as set forth by the Examiner and all claims directed thereto. More particularly, Applicant elects claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement because search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden to the Examiner or the patent office. See MPEP §803. Applicant believes all pending claims can be efficiently searched and examined at the same time. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP §803, even though the claims are directed to independent or distinct inventions, they should be examined together since this can be done without serious burden.

Respectfully Submitted,

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